

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 BUDAPE 02974 311156Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 H-02 /015 W
-----127960 312002Z /41
R 311002Z AUG 77
FM AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9278

UNCLAS BUDAPEST 2974

TO GERTH (EUR/EE) FROM WILGIS

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: HU
SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE; REP. HOLLENBECK

1. RE THE LETTER OF AUGUST 12 DRAFTED BY YOU, FROM ATWOOD TO REP. HOLLENBECK, CONCERNING THE DIFFICULTY MR. ERNEST BALOGH REPORTED IN ATTENDING SOCIAL EVENTS AT THE EMBASSY, THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE IS SUGGESTED:

2. WE HAVE RECEIVED A RESPONSE FROM AMBASSADOR KAISER CONCERNING MR. ERNEST BALOGH'S LETTER TO YOU OF AUGUST 1, IN WHICH HE REPORTED THAT HE WAS NOT BEING ADMITTED TO SOCIAL ACTIVITIES IN THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. AMBASSADOR KAISER HAS LOOKED INTO THE MATTER AND HAS FOUND THAT THE SOCIAL FUNCTIONS TO WHICH MR. BALOGH WAS REFERRING ARE THOSE HELD IN THE MARINE HOUSE ON THE TOP FLOOR OF THE EMBASSY BUILDING. IT HAS BEEN CUSTOMARY FOR THE MARINES TO SHOW A MOVIE ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AND TO HOLD A "HAPPY HOUR" ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON AFTER THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS.

3. THE EMBASSY'S POLICY ON WHO MAY BE ADMITTED TO THESE SOCIAL OCCASIONS IS GUIDED BY THREE MAIN CONSIDERATIONS. FIRST, THESE EVENTS ARE HELD IN THE LIVING QUARTERS OF THE MARINES AND, THEREFORE, THOSE ATTENDING ARE GUESTS OF THE MARINES. AS THIS IS THEIR HOME, IT IS NOT INTENDED THAT IT SHOULD BE FREELY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AMERICAN OR
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 BUDAPE 02974 311156Z

FOREIGN. GUESTS ARE SELECTED BY THE SAME CRITERIA THAT ANY HOST MIGHT USE IN INVITING PEOPLE TO SOCIAL EVENTS AT HOME.

4. A SECOND CONSIDERATION IS THE SECURITY OF THE EMBASSY. BECAUSE THE EVENTS ARE HELD ON THE TOP FLOOR OF THE BUILDING, GUESTS ARE PASSING IN THE VICINITY OF SENSITIVE AREAS.

REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS ARE TAKEN, IN TERMS OF IDENTIFYING AND ESCORTING GUESTS. MOREOVER, WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS THE GUESTS ARE AMERICANS AND MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY.

5. A THIRD CONSIDERATION IS THAT DURING THESE EVENTS, REFRESHMENTS ARE SOLD THAT HAVE BEEN IMPORTED DUTY FREE FOR EMBASSY USE. IN ORDER TO DO THIS, THE GUESTS MUST HAVE DUTY FREE IMPORT PRIVILEGES GRANTED BY THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT. LAST MARCH THE EMBASSY DECIDED TO RESTRICT THE ATTENDANCE AT THESE FUNCTIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN AND WESTERN COMMUNITY WHO WERE WELL KNOWN TO THE MARINES.

6. THERE IS A GENUINE INTEREST ON THE PART OF THE AMERICAN STAFF AT THE EMBASSY IN MEETING OTHER AMERICANS VISITING OR RESIDING IN HUNGARY. NOT ONLY ARE THEY INCLUDED IN OFFICIAL CULTURAL AND SOCIAL EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE EMBASSY, BUT ARE ALSO FREQUENTLY INVITED TO THE HOMES OF MEMBERS OF THE STAFF.

KAISER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: INSTRUCTIONS, SOCIAL RECEPTIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 31-Aug-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977BUDAPE02974
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770315-0479
Format: TEL
From: BUDAPEST
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t1977085/aaaaadrm.tel
Line Count: 82
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 49178b58-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1565944
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE; REP. HOLLENBECK
TAGS: PGOV, HU, (BALOGH, ERNEST)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/49178b58-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009